AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

first check means for checking quality of an image to be formed;

second check means for checking a status of said image forming apparatus using different criteria in accordance with a check by said first check means; and

determination means for performing permission determination of image formation using different criteria in accordance with a check by said second check means.

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first check means checks whether to form a high-quality image.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determination means performs the determination on the basis of second check means checks a state of said image forming apparatus which may influence image formation.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determination means performs the determination second check means checks the status of said image forming apparatus using different criteria for at least one item of remaining toner for forming an image, service life of a photosensitive drum for forming an image, whether a tray for outputting an image formed on a sheet is full, a predicted density value of an image to be formed, and remaining sheets for forming an image.

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5. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determination means determines whether to permit or inhibit image formation.

6. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising display means for performing display output based on the determination by said determination means.

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving an image;

first check means for checking an attribute of a received image;

second check means for checking a status of said image forming apparatus using different criteria in accordance with a check by said first check means; and

determination means for performing permission determination of image formation using different criteria in accordance with a check by said second check means.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said first check means checks whether the received image is an image to be charged.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said first check means checks whether the received image is an image requiring high-quality image formation.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said ~~determination means performs the determination on the basis of~~ <u>second check means checks</u> a state of said image forming apparatus which may influence image formation.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said ~~determination means performs the determination~~ <u>second check means checks the status of said image forming apparatus</u> using different criteria for at least one item of remaining toner for forming an image, service life of a photosensitive drum for forming an image, whether a tray for outputting an image formed on a sheet is full, a predicted density value of an image to be formed, and remaining sheets for forming an image.

12. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising display means for performing display output based on the determination by said determination means.

13. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said display means causes a device which transmitted the received image to perform the display.

14. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

check means for checking an attribute of an image to be formed;

identification means for identifying a state of said image forming apparatus which may influence image formation<u>, using different criteria in accordance with a check by said check means</u>; and

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control means for selectively performing, in accordance with ~~a check by said check means and~~ identification by said identification means, an operation of performing a warning about image formation and accepting an image formation request, an operation of accepting an image formation request without performing a warning about the image formation, and an operation of not accepting an image formation request.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a <u>first</u> check step of checking quality of an image to be formed;

<u>a second check step of checking a status of the image forming apparatus using different criteria in accordance with a check in said first check step;</u> and

a determination step of performing permission determination of image formation ~~using different criteria~~ in accordance with a check in said <u>second</u> check step.

16. (Previously Amended) A method of controlling an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a reception step of receiving an image;

<u>a first</u> a check step of checking an attribute of a received image;

<u>a second check step of checking a status of the image forming apparatus using different criteria in accordance with a check in said first check step;</u> and

a determination step of performing permission determination of image formation ~~using different criteria~~ in accordance with a check in said <u>second</u> check step.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a check step of checking an attribute of an image to be formed;

an identification step of identifying a state of the image forming apparatus which may influence image formation, using different criteria in accordance with a check in said check step; and

a control step of selectively performing, in accordance with a check in said check step and an identification in said identification step, an operation of performing a warning about image formation and accepting an image formation request, an operation of accepting an image formation request without performing a warning about the image formation, and an operation of not accepting an image formation request.

18. (Currently Amended) A storage medium which stores a program for controlling an image forming apparatus, the program comprising program code for executing:

a first a check step of checking quality of an image to be formed;

a second check step of checking status of the image forming apparatus using different criteria in accordance with a check in said first check step; and

a determination step of performing permission determination of image formation using different criteria in accordance with a check in said second check step.

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19. (Currently Amended) A storage medium which stores a program for controlling an image forming apparatus, the program comprising program code for executing:

a reception step of receiving an image;

a <u>first</u> check step of checking an attribute of a received image;

<u>a second check step of checking a status of the image forming apparatus using different criteria in accordance with a check in said first check step;</u> and

a determination step of performing permission determination of image formation ~~using different criteria~~ in accordance with a check in said <u>second</u> check step.

20. (Currently Amended) A storage medium which stores a program for controlling an image forming apparatus, the program comprising program code for executing:

a check step of checking an attribute of an image to be formed;

an identification step of identifying a state of the image forming apparatus which may influence image formation<u>, using different criteria in accordance with a check in said check step</u>; and

a control step of selectively performing, in accordance with ~~a check in said check step and~~ an identification in said identification step, an operation of performing a warning about image formation and accepting an image formation request, an operation of accepting an image formation request without performing a warning about the image formation, and an operation of not accepting an image formation request.